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Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

November 3, 1955

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your birthday greetings -- all very much appreciated. You should really forget such things at our time of life.

I had written Lloyd that I could not come up to Montreal on the day suggested in December as I am very much tied up between now and the first of the year. When I heard about the 28th of February, I jumped at the opportunity because I am very eager to attend the banquet. It is most thoughtful of you to arrange for the Curators' meeting at the same time. *It came up the day before - would the 27th be suitable for the Curators' meeting? We should*

Poor old Mabel Fitzgerald, I had thought her dead long since. I wonder if Aunt Sue will be able to decipher her letter? *not try to have two things at the same day.*

I wonder^{also} if you have seen Gilbert Murray's letter about Princess Margaret? It appeared in The Times on the 26th of October. Had I read the letter beforehand, I should have contributed twice as much to the Gilbert Murray Fund!

Yours sincerely,

John
John F. Fulton, M. D.

Dr. W. W. Francis
570 Milton Street
Montreal 18, Canada

Dr. John F. Fulton,
The Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

OSLER LIBRARY,
9 Nov., 1955.

My dear John,

Thanks for yours of the 3rd. We'll arrange for the Curators' meeting on Monday noon, 27 Feb., and the Osler banquet the next day. The Dean (Duff) is off at present, but I'm sure he'll confirm it.

Perhaps Mabel's letter was too much for Sue. A grateful letter from her yesterday but the first one with blots and tremors to justify her usual apologies.

I wrote Alfred Franklin that those tiles are bleaching the residual pigment in my residual locks. The latest complication is that the Potteries say they can't fill any order received after the next week or two! I suppose it is too late to cut out that offer from the Journal which must be printed off by now.

No, I didn't see Gilbert Murray's letter. The sad affair reminds me of the Jewish family, grandma, pa, ma, bros. and sisters AND fiancé, who came from Cincinnati to Baltimore and tried to crowd into W. O.'s "office". He interviewed some of them individually and agreed that the girl should wait till she was cured. The majority filed out happily, but the fiancé slipped back and apologized, "Doctor, we knew what your decision would be, so we got married before we left home." Perhaps Margaret and boy-friend should have done likewise.

Yours ever,

Bill

LGS:cd

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21 October 1955

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for yours of the 18th. I must confess that I don't recall seeing Franklin's postcard of 22 September about the memorial plaque, but I have seen the account in The Times for 10 October and all is clear. I should have liked to have seen Florence again, and old Lizzie Cleaver; I wonder if Florence is as attractive now as she was thirty years ago -- she was a rather distracting influence in the home!

As for coming to Montreal, I think all has now been arranged for Tuesday, 28 February, and I hope the Curators' meeting may be arranged at that time also. The first two Mondays in December would be very awkward as I have engagements both those days, much as I should like to hear Edelstein's lecture -- Greek medical ethics are a good topic.

All the best,

Yours ever,



Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

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10 October 1955.

Dear Bill:

Arnold, out of the goodness of his heart, gave John a couple of vaccination items which John of course accepted with alacrity, with no thought that we might have 'em. We do. Now the question is, do you? If not, would you like to have them? They are:

A Sermon preached before His Grace Charles Duke of Marlborough, President, the . . of the Hospital for the Small-pox . . . by Isaac Lord Bishop of Worcester. London [1752].

A Sermon preached before His Grace George, Duke of Marlborough, President . . . of the hospitals for the small-pox. By the Right Reverend Father-in-God John Lord Bishop of Lincoln. London, 1763.

Being "His Grace" certainly wasn't all beer and skittles. Imagine having to be preached to over and over again! But perhaps they slept peacefully through it all.

We're having about 150 antiquarian booksellers here in New Haven on Wednesday next; they come to the Historical Library at four for tea (or coffee or likker) and I suppose to have a glimpse of a book or two before they go on to Fritz Liebert's for supper. They will have had luncheon at the Lawn Club, so whatever else may happen they will have been well taken care of gastronomically. I've put up an exhibit of MSS. for them which John says will put their eye out. Mr. Kilgour has just been in to say that it's a good thing to have these exhibits, for then he learns what is in the Library! And so it goes. I feel on occasion as though I were but one step removed from the looney bin, but then the dust settles and we all simmer down. John seems to take things in his stride, which is a great blessing. If he'll only keep on his trolley, we'll get along O.K. They had a wonderful summer - Lucia says the best in years - and they both are a sight for sore eyes.

L. & K., and
'much power to your elbow'

Madeline

Smallpox
405-9
997
1251-95
2324
2350

asked for
in meeting
Dec. - or
in Feb. if
he is here
Oscar Langner
speaking again.

Wanted
with new
cushions.

15 October 1955

*Cliveden
Exeter
18th*

Dr. A. W. Franklin
11, Wimpole Street
London, W.1, England

My dear Alfred:

*lady D
plague ?*

It was good of you to send me a carbon copy of your letter of 10 October to Bill Francis, but I am a little in the dark about what ceremony you celebrated on "Saturday" at 13 Norham Gardens with a luncheon beforehand at Magdalen. I had not heard about the plaque; some letters about the occasion are no doubt following me around Europe. How nice that Mrs. Cleaver, her daughter, and Florence, Lady Osler's parlormaid, could have been present. I am glad you did not forget Miss FitzGerald or Miss Phelps. I hope you will be able to remember me with a carbon of the remarks as well as the offprint from the Oxford press.

All the best.

Yours ever,

John

John Fulton

Copy to Dr. Francis

OSLER LIBRARY,
5 Oct., 1955.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
The Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

Good to hear from you again. So it's thirty-two years since that memorable Manchester College wedding! Auspicious occasion! I'm glad you are not intimidated by the price of the tiles. Sam Larky has ordered one for the Welch and the Osler Clinic and one other, at J. H. Hospital, but not Kitty Malloch and I haven't heard from Sue Chapin.

I return a p.c. from a 3rd Avenue dame, along with the follow up letter I've only just received from her. Perhaps the Beaumont Club has \$500 to spend on her silhouettes. I'm afraid I haven't.

Our busy days: Princess Royal opening the new \$20,000,000 Montreal General today; Scarlett giving the Shepherd memorial lecture tomorrow and handing out the Way of Life to our students on Thursday. *Wish you were here*

*"1921 At Lyndham that the deed was done"
Dr. Dr.*

WWF:cd
Encl:-

*P.S. Keep me handy in Dec for a few
free from meeting. Or make a date
in January.*

OSLER LIBRARY,
28 Sept., 1955.

Miss Madeline Stanton,
The Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear *TW*

Proof herewith. I have put a footnote about the revised price, but if you think it would be less disturbing, just add a final sentence:

Customs, &c., will raise the cost,
delivered to the U. S., to perhaps
17 dollars.

in /

Greetings to John and ask him if he still wants five at that price!

Could I order 25 or 50 offprints or reprints, please?

L. & K.

Ral /

WWF:cd
Encl:-

Ben T. H.

26 September 1955

John and Lucia get in tomorrow on the Elizabeth, and in due course I shall show him the Elkin, Mathews catalogue with the Priestley A.L.S. for the modest sum of 150 pounds. Unless a fairy godmother appears there is little chance of the Library purchasing it; in fact, we need two or three fairy godmothers to pay our present bills.

Madras

P.S. Will you put down John's name for four examples of the Osler tile? This will be in addition to the one ordered for the Historical Library. I'm not sure what he expects to do with so many, but he wrote from abroad that I'd better put an order in "for four or five."

OSLER LIBRARY,
26 Sept., 1955.

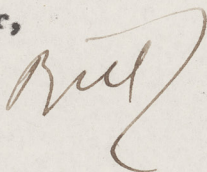
Dr. John F. Fulton,
The Historical Club,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

Welcome home! and if that note of mine for the J. has not gone too far, please change the price of those tiles to about \$16. The \$9 (£3.5.0) is "ex-works, London", and the rest is packing, postage and CUSTOMS! I'll have to circulate the family all over again.

In haste, to "stop press", if
poss.

Yours ever,



WWF:cd

Thurston

Yale^x

Journal of the History of Medicine

typed &

sent

21.7x.55

Dear Howard - I left him in the shop.

I had a postcard this morning from M.S. from Swarthmore ~~telling me~~ about the vice holiday, and E.T. that I'm glad she & E.T. are having, but I am just a wee bit disappointed not to hear whether my note on "Odes, Arms & the men" was received and in time and about when it may be likely to appear.

I enclose an offer of a Priest by letter (Elkins Brothers, cat. 140, ill. 397), on the wild chance that John may not have bought it already. ~~How far off is he? I fear, how far off is he? And might it not be desirable to suppress the offer in case he (and he.) have it \$921.50 left after their joint abroad?~~

The rest of the letter must be ^{an inference} guess; the photo on the back of the envelope cover doesn't suggest 1795!

L. & K., Bill, or more discreetly,

L.W.F.

~~Howard~~ I / not - as I have his return is imminent - I hope he has won the necessary \$400 in the pool on the crossing.

L & K, Bill

or more discreetly, if necessary.

L.W.F.

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25 August 1955.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th which somehow did not reach my hands till this week - and then I waited for the weather to moderate a bit before answering it. Yesterday and today have been heavenly, at least offering us a little break if we are to go on for another month with heat and humidity in the 90's. I do hope you are having some relief, too.

We shall certainly want a copy of the tile with the Osler coat of arms, and I trust you will put the Library down promptly on your list. John sent me a note on a disc that he had sent your letter to Alfred Franklin, asking him to bring it to the attention of Oslerites in London, 'Bett and people like that, and George Pickering and the College of Physicians.' He said he hadn't answered your letter as he was afraid we might get our wires crossed (I don't know why or how), and he didn't mention whether he wanted a copy of the tile for himself or not. Nor do I know whether he mentioned it to Lucia. I shall try to remember to do so when I write her in a day or so.

I think it would be very fitting to have a note in J. Hist. Med. about the tile, and we shall try to put something together from the notes you have sent. I don't know whether it would be diplomatic to include the part about W.O. telling Lady O. that he did not care to be "at the mercy of every little royal belly-ache," but since the story is from you I suppose I should have no qualms! On second thought, since we could give you a fortnight in which to prepare a note exactly as you would wish to have it appear in the Journal, why don't you send us your own version? I'm sure that would be much better!

Elizabeth has been away for a week, with her mother visiting her brother in Pennsylvania. I expect she will be back by the week-end, so I am holding your letter to Alan Osler, aet. 13, for her to read. When she left, she was planning to go to Philadelphia early next week to pursue Thomas Bond who is at present absorbing a great deal of her attention. She may already have confessed her passion to you; if not yet, I'm sure she will soon.

Fond greetings to all at the O. L.

L. & K.,

Madeline

Typed & sent — 29 Dec. 55.
Wf

Dear Mr. TTT,

So E. is ramping Tommy Bond —
across two centuries, if I guess right.

I had asked John to send his order, if he
wanted a tile, to Franklin, to whom I am
sending the family reports (40 plus so far).
I'm putting the Y. Hist. Lib. down for me.

Now a bit doubtful about myself about the
"dignity" of the "little royal belly aches,"
(but it's too good to omit) and a legal cousin almost threw a monkey
"wrench" into the project by questioning the
distribution of the tiles to non-Oslen, but
I gather he's not prepared to prosecute!

If you want me to correct the note, send
me back before Labor Day that Allen Oslen letter
and I will write you, or a copy of it, and I will
run your "dead-line" (I hate the term & the
idea).

The radio threatens us with nine
warms again tomorrow!

L & K.

OSLER LIBRARY,
16 August, 1955.

The Journal of the History of Medicine,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear M. and/or E.,

I wrote to John to the May Fair recently telling him about the enclosed and advising him to notify A. W. Franklin, if he wanted one. I wonder whether a "Note" in the J. would be in order. I don't know how imminent the next no. is, nor what the Potteries' "dead-line" may be. If it is urgent you might concoct a note from the enclosed and something like this, prefixed:

A recent biographer of Welch is so ignorant of the early spirit of the Hopkins that he has Osler "afraid" of Mall. He also quotes Kelly as saying that Osler's ambition was to go to England and be knighted. That must have been one of Kelly's heavier jests! The appointment as Regius Professor practically carries with it a baronetcy (hereditary knighthood), which Osler refused. When, as is most unusual, he was offered it again five years later, it would have been very ungracious not to accept. It involved certain readjustments, such as a new coat of arms, and raising the wages of the servants, who go up (or used to) in the social scale with their employers. He had also declined the honor (and obligations) of a court appointment, telling his wife (not the authorities) that he did not care to be "at the mercy of every little royal belly-ache".

Please return some time the enclosed first sheet of my 1949 letter to Alan Osler about the arms, and keep as cool as you can and out of Diane's way.

L & K

Bill

WWF:cd
Encl:-

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29 June 1955.

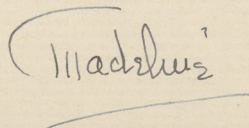
Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for yours of the 23rd returning the label for Sir William's D.C.L. gown - also for saying that it may be kept here. We appreciate your generosity, and hope that some day we may be able to loan it to some distinguished 'party' who has need of it. For the past week it has been lying over the big grey chair in my room and is such a wonderful spot of colour that I am loath to retire it to the balcony closet, but I shall do that this afternoon. It will join quite distinguished company! But I am somewhat embarrassed to find that I cannot discover in H.C.'s Biography any mention of when W.O. received the degree. Perhaps I'm not using the index properly, and I shall have another go at it while I chew on my sandwich this noon.

I'm ashamed of myself for not having written you my thanks for painstakingly copying out that po'm on my namesake. When it arrived it went the rounds, which is always dangerous; I should keep it until I have made my manners and then share. But the temptation is too great, and then I become lax. All very bad of me. I do thank you warmly for sending it, though I must confess that my French is so indifferent that I had to work in one or two places to make sure that I was conscious of all the VOX HUMANA stops that the anonymous author was pulling out (H.C.'s expression). I shall hope one day to hear you sing it - with proper gestures. This reminds me that I believe you asked in a recent letter to Elizabeth whether we were planning to descend on you again. I don't see any immediate prospect, much as we'd both like to do it. (We can't possibly keep up to Worthie!) I said the other morning that I didn't know what we could do - there were just so many things we wanted to do, there was just no time to go to work. I believe that there is much talk in certain quarters these days about a twenty-hour work week, but I'm afraid it may not come soon enough for me to enjoy it. For the present, we must be satisfied with a month a year, which I have always looked upon as generous though I'm probably oldfashioned according to to-day's standards.

Lucia motored up to Manchester early Monday morning to pay a visit to her mother before going abroad. She is due back to-day and has a busy schedule for the next fortnight. Goodness, it's exactly two weeks before they sail, and I have nowhere finished the cases to be packed for Mr. Maltby. I guess I'd better stop this pleasant occupation and get to work!

L. & K., as always,



OSLER LIBRARY,
23 June, 1955.

Miss Madeline Stanton,
The Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear Madeline,

Here's the authenticating label, "Dr. Osler's Red Gown", which must have been written before 1912 and probably by Nicola Smith. The "Dr." doesn't look like G. R. O.'s hand.

We're glad you want to keep the gown in your "moth-proof" closet; our well-stuffed show-case drawer doesn't deserve that epithet.

These ol' clo's are sometimes useful in an emergency, if you know what they stand for. I must have told you long ago how I had an urgent message from Fitz on a Friday commanding me to find W. O.'s Oxford D. C. L. gown, and bribe a Pullman porter to deliver it in Boston next day. I advised him to apply to the more accessible Adelotte(?) who obliged. It was all top secret at the time of the Quebec meeting, but I knew that Churchill was getting a degree at Harvard on the Monday. He needed his highest previous gown to step out of!

Thanks to Lucia for her letter. Love to all and bon voyage to them.

W. G. O.
W. G. O.

WWF:cd

Encl:-

label
+ corrigendum to Garrison, p. 666.

Ans'd 17th

I think the label is in the handwriting of Miss Nichols (Nicola Smith). There is room in our drawer of unidentifieds, but if M. wants the gown for the Cushing collection, I would prefer (and Cécile would much prefer) that she have it*. Otherwise send it as you kindly offer.

we would send back the authenticating W. W. F.
label.

Wm. J. F. writes 20th that Madeline wants
to keep it. So I return the label to Madeline, 20th
W. W. F.

MRS. JOHN FULTON
100 DEEPWOOD DRIVE
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

June 20th - 1955

Dear Bill,

you certainly are good to
write so promptly about Sir W^m
Gosse. I talked to Madeline and
she would love to have it to
hang in the moth proof closet
with the Chiefs. I think that
will be wonderful too, because
the chief had it originally. If
you or your successors ever
change their minds just let
us know, and we can send it
up. It will go into the
Cushing Library (Historical Library)
at 333 Cedar Street to. morning
to hang with Dr. Cushing's
in the moth proof closet off

the balcony upstairs. I can see my eyes
eyes on the students that see their hair
from time to time. They will be
thrilled to see its label.

Everyone working hard now before
we leave July 13th - if the "Lizzy"
sails O.K. We are keeping our
fingers crossed.

Let us know if you have
any errands we can do for you.
Much love to you all, always.

Dosha

MRS. JOHN FULTON
100 DEEPWOOD DRIVE
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

June 15, 1955

Dear Bill,

In getting out Johns Oxford gown for Commencement, I found a red gown with scarlet silk trim with the enclosed label. Dr Osler's Red Gown. I can not remember how we happened to have it unless it being wooden it was passed onto us to keep from the Cushwies. I think Dr. Cushing had it possibly. Madeline doesn't seem to remember about

although Aunt Sue on the phone the end of May, 1955
she isn't very well, nurses now and repeats her
a lot. I heard Margaret was trying to keep her
quiet to rest more. I did not try to call in
at London Lane.

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6 May 1955

Dear Bill:

Lloyd arrived safely yesterday morning, and at noon-time we had a meeting with the Student Editors of the Journal of the History of Medicine with a good deal of lively discussion back and forth about various problems. They all seemed delighted with Lloyd -- and who could be otherwise -- but if you were here our joy would be complete.

Thanks so much for sending the copy of Dr. Cushing's letter to "Bilda." It is certainly a very nice letter and he meant every word of it. I remember very well his writing others in this general vein, and he sputtered more than once at the way people were trying to push you along at a brisk rate. I am glad you refused to be hurried, for certainly no catalogue of such magnitude ever appeared with so few errors, and it is a wonderful tribute to you.

I can say again, as I did in my last letter, that Lucia has just called from Boston, and we have recent news of John's progress. They are evidently going over him with a fine tooth comb, and it certainly won't be their fault if they don't get him completely regulated in every way imaginable. Lucia has moments of thinking that the game isn't worth the candle, but I don't believe that for a second.

L & K as always,

Madeline

Dr. W.W. Francis
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4 May 1955

My dear Bill:

The photocopy of the The Englishman's Doctor, 1608, goes off to you today. We have Dr. Streeter's copy in a neat cloth box; I'm sorry that A.C.K.'s is without benefit of clothing.

I am much amused to hear about the French song in which my name appears. Sometime when you have nothing better to do I should be glad to have you copy it out -- perhaps Cécile will do it for you and shed a tear or two along the way.

John is at present up at the Brigham being looked over by various and sundry people in an attempt to regulate all his medicines a little better. I do not think he has been especially happy this last week but Lucia telephoned this morning to say that he was much improved. He will probably not be home for another week and will not be allowed to go to Detroit for the meetings. This is too bad, but I guess it can't be helped.

Yours ever, affly = P. Z k.,

Madeline

Dr. W.W. Francis
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Montreal, P.Q., Canada

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4 May 1955

Supercritical
C'est vous

pinches! have fun!

PINCH ME
WHEN I GO BYE-BYE
S.V.D

My dear Bill:
I am much amused to hear about the French song in which
my name appears. Sometime when you have nothing better to
do I should be glad to have you copy it out -- perhaps Cecile
will do it for you and shed a tear or two along the way.

I am much amused to hear about the French song in which
my name appears. Sometime when you have nothing better to
do I should be glad to have you copy it out -- perhaps Cecile
will do it for you and shed a tear or two along the way.

Yours very truly,
J. H. P.

J. H. P.

Dr. W. W. Fennell
Chief Library
McGill University
Montreal, P.Q., Canada

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22 April 1955

OSLER LIBRARY,
29 April, 1955.

Miss M. Stanton,
The Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear Madeline,

Yes, indeedy, we'd be most grateful for that photo copy of The Englishmans doctor, 1608. Have you the original, that you can so light-hearted part with this?

We were glad to hear from Lucia also that John seemed none the worse for colliding with two tempests over the Hudson and "throwing up the whole thing, collects, epistles, and gospels" in the classic phrase adopted by W. O. from a sermon we children reported hearing.

I didn't know your form of your name existed in France, but recently I came upon a MS. of a song which a Swiss friend of Maude Abbott's used to sing. It is a pathetic ballad which I'd love to sing to you when you feel like a good cry. It begins "Quand je vis Madeline / Pour la première fois, / Je montais la colline, / Elle sortait du bois ... Six verses, all with that rhyme, so there's no doubt of the pronunciation. And, of course, she dies in the last verse, each of which ends, Que les beaux jours sont courts! I'll copy it for you sometime if you can bear it.

Dr. W. S. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

Ellen Kay,

Sill

WWF:cd

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22 April 1955

My dear Bill:

Mr. Marston, who is working on ACK's incunabula material, turned up in a folder a photostatic copy of The Englishmans doctor, London, printed for John Helme and John Busby Junior, 1608. It was made from the copy in the Surgeon General's Library, if I read the stamp on the title-page correctly, although the S.T.C. (21606) registers only one copy in the British Museum. All this is preliminary to asking you whether you would like the photostats for the Osler Library.

John seems to be none the worse for his trip to Montreal although I gather he had a very rough flight back. He reports that you are in fine fettle, and that news did our hearts good.

L & K,

Madeline

Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

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Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

20 April 1955

My dear Bill:

That was a fine meeting yesterday, and it was nice that we were able to welcome Wilder; I enclose a copy of a bread-and-butter letter I have just written him. You and Cécile seemed to be in fine form, and I was only sorry that I could not get out to see Hilda; I hope you will tell her that I thought of her.

Do you happen to know a chap in Hamilton who rejoices in the name of J. Monster? He keeps reporting books -- some of them at monstrous prices such as one he mentions in a letter today: Francois-Louis Bruel's Histoire aeronautique par les monuments, peints, sculptes, dessines et graves ... at \$225.00!

All the best,

Yours ever,



Dr. W.W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University

personally yours

^A *Canadian Pacific* **TELEGRAM**

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DR W W FRANCIS

2913

5P MILTON ST MONTREAL

MAY YOU HAVE AS MANY GOOD STORIES ON YTUR EIGHTIETH AS ON YOUR
SEVENTY SEVENTH CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VIGOR AND VITALITY LOVE
FROM JOHN AND YOUR

MANY FEMININE ADMIRERS

YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
333 CEDAR STREET · NEW HAVEN CT · CONNECTICUT

Please return

Department of the History of Medicine
Historical Library

1 April 1955

Dear Pennington,
Sorry my GODDY (gift) is so GODDY! and acupuncture doesn't
intimidate "Osler." I'm not yet a "Sanitar", but what ~~an~~ genes
await the little Keynes-Knechtell-Hugessen, if any!

W.W.F.

My dear Bill:

Keynes. long

I have had a letter from Geoffrey saying that he and Margaret are off on an Hellenic cruise and will be in Athens on April 12th, the day of Stephen's wedding, but that Quentin would probably be there to represent the family. Did you know that Mary Hugessen, the bride-to-be is the great, great grand-niece of Jane Austen and that her grandfather was the first editor of Jane Austen's letters?

Lord Brabourne 1884
= Edward Knatchbull-Hugessen, 1884

All is quiet here. We had a fine celebration of the twenty-first birthday of Pierson College the night before last with speeches by all the former Masters, Allen Valentine, Arnold Wolfers, Gordon Haight, the present Master, Sid Lovett, and Whit Griswold, President of the University. There were also witty remarks by George Parmly Day who raised the funds for building the College. They all talked longer than they should have, and after joining the ladies I got home a little late!

All the best,

Yours ever,

John (FULTON)

Please return

Dr. W.W. Francis
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McGill University

Thank you
RP

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26 March 1955

My dear Bill:

When writing you the other day about the H.C. typhoid reprints, I forgot to tell you that we should be delighted to have the names of a few Osler fans. I did not realize that the seven volume System was such a drug on the market; I should think anyone in his right mind would be willing to pay far more than fifty cents for the first volume, and I did ask you for advice; Cécile is quite right!

All the best,

Yours ever,



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22 March 1955

My dear Bill:

Just a line to say by all means send us
that volume of typhoid reprints bearing H.C.'s
book-plate. We shall be delighted to have this
skeleton from the Medical Association's closet!

All the best,

Yours ever,

Jm

I have no idea how it got there

Dr. W.W. Francis
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OSLER LIBRARY,
24 March, 1955.

Dr. J. F. Fulton,
The Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

My dear John,

Cécile is off to the post office with the H. C. volume of 1900 typhoid reprints; also with a book to present to an Oslerian student whose grandfather wisely changed the last letter of his name to Outlar on moving into Texas.

I enclose (~~if I can find it~~) a prematrimonial picture of Stephen John Keynes, son of Geoffrey, and his Montreal bride. I wonder if Pa and / or Ma will be here for the occasion? Let me know, when you hear, how Paq's wedding came off.

About that J. H. H. picture, Jim Mitchell wrote me that a wretched reporter showed him the photo, got a few authentic notes and then put his (J. M.'s) name to the article after getting someone in Baltimore to misidentify some of us. Somebody, still more mixed, thought I had been described as Halsted's son-in-law and asked Lloyd if H. ever had a daughter. A medical lassie volunteered, "He hadn't any children; I remember rreading that he and his wife occupied separate floors." Like a lewd fellow of the baser sort Lloyd murmured, "There might have been back stairs."

Did I hear that you are not a dear-old-Burton-Chance fan? If so, don't let him keep you from the meeting. He writes me that he is again Chairman of the C. P. P. Library and intends to turn up if expenses are paid.

Ask Perky not to curse me if she has to catalogue all the contents of that typhoid volume!

Love to all,

Yours ever,

Bill

P.S. Do you want on short
fan list to send out
you Osler dupl. list?

It might be charitable to hide it from
our young enthusiasts, Dr. David O'Sullivan &
Margaret Chubb, (Hosp. Carlton, Victoria Australia)

WFF:ed

It has been saving up & let it be P. B. B., Boston, not type!

OSLER LIBRARY,
18 March, 1955.

Dr. John F. Fulton,
The Historical Library,
333 Cedar Street,
New Haven,
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear John,

Among skeletons that have emerged from the closet in moving the 40-years gold Canadian Medical Association editorial office (to Toronto) is a bound volume with H. C.'s book-plate dated "1900", containing about twenty typhoid reprints, presentation copies from his J. H. and Boston friends, and labeled on the spine: "Typhoid fever and its complications, clinical, pathological, bacteriological. Reprints, vol. 1."

No explaining how it got there or why it was never noticed before!

Do you want it? Shall we send it? Or show it to you when you come?

I've kept fairly healthy this week!

Yours ever,

Bill

PS. Thanks for the Osler duplicates list. There are now that we need, thanks. Can we send you names of a few fans? Some prices lost HIGH. — the 7-vol. System ~~that~~ was here for 50 cents per; and \$2 for reprint COVERS! ~~extra~~ ~~extra~~

But E. reminds me that I was asked for advice and never gave it, so it will behave me... *Bill*

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9 March 1955

Dear Dr. Bill,

It is wonderful news that you are able to be back in the Library and without too much discomfort from your back. I enjoyed your reminiscences to the Halsted Society. John had a good trip to the Hopkins on Monday, gave a paper there on the same program with one of our lads from Yale who was interested in the history of medicine during his years here and underfoot in the Library a great deal. He came back on the Federal, not too a-wearied, and it seemed to brighten him up considerably.

Gracious, but you and Lloyd have descended on us about that Schuman prize! I really don't think it will undercut the Osler Prize too seriously. As I pointed out to Lloyd, our Ed Bittar (who has great difficulty getting funds from his family because of the international situation), chose to compete for the Osler Prize. You worry me when you say we shouldn't be allowed to win the medal two years running! The thought had already occurred to me that the judges might well have that thought in the back of their minds, but I couldn't help urging Ed to make the effort anyway. Although I wouldn't have had Bob Joy not win the prize last year because he is, through that and other circumstances, now looking forward to being a medical historian, nevertheless this piece of work is way out ahead of Bob's essay as original work. Ed Bittar has a real sense of history, and is a very engaging human being - I wish he could come to see you and the Library. I think he will probably work at the history of medicine the rest of his life, too. It is exciting and a source of satisfaction to see a few each year join the ranks. Of the three who came to see you last year-- Jacques Quen is returning to Yale as a resident largely to work in the Library. Nick Halasz is headed for the Army so any historical ambitions he may have will have to wait a while.

Back to the two prizes again. The Schumans say it is up to the judges to decide whether an essay might be submitted in both competitions and the consensus seems to be that they could not compete simultaneously. Someone expressed the thought that they saw no reason why an essay which did not win the Osler medal might ^{not} later be submitted for the Schuman prize. I'M truly sorry if Lloyd and/or you were disturbed, but Henry ^{too} is genuinely trying to promote an interest in the history of medicine. However, it should have been discussed longer - as it was, it was rushed through to get under the wire in the January Journal since the April number would have been far too late. Should have waited for next year in my opinion.

L & K
Elizabeth

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2 March 1955

My dear Bill,

Many thanks for yours of 26 February. I am glad that the Halsted boys didn't wear you out. I was very sorry to have to suggest postponement of the meeting of the Curators but I do very much wish to attend and the original date would have been impossible. The eighteenth of April presents another problem, for Sir Howard Florey is to be here at that time and will be our guest. Would 25 April be at all feasible for the meeting? I like the idea of having it on a Monday because one can then come up very conveniently on the night train from New Haven. I think that is probably why Archie preferred it.

I am sorry that you and Lloyd have felt distressed over the Schuman prize. It was their idea and when they sent in the notice I felt that we had no choice but to publish it. I don't think it should interfere in any way with the Osler Medal and there is no reason of course why the same essay could not be submitted for both. Our bright lad, Ed Bittar, has already submitted his for the Osler Medal and I don't think he even knows about the Schuman prize. My thought would be that the Schumans should adopt the same due date, i.e., 1 March, for their essay prize rather than 1 April, because there might be some lads who would rather gamble for the \$250 than for the Medal. I am suggesting this to Ida and Henry Schuman.

The Schumans are also establishing a prize for the history of science which is being announced in the next number of Isis. All this is a bit of largesse on the Schumans' part because I don't think they can really afford either prize as they are still in process of recovering from their recent bankruptcy ordeal.

The gals join in sending affectionate greetings.

Yours ever,

John

P.S. After writing the above I had yours of 1 March which embarrasses me slightly because you had already taken up the date of 18 April with the Dean. Howard Florey is so seldom here that I do not like to disappear so soon after his arrival. I am sure you will understand. I am glad Lloyd is impressed with the Ibn Nafis piece. I too am impressed with your remarks at the Halsted meeting. They are really most amusing.

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v
27th
Dean

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25 February 1955

My dear Bill,

OSLER LIBRARY,
1 March, 1955.

Dr. John F. Fulton, the meeting of the Curators which you had suggested for the Historical Library, I wrote you that I would prefer some date later than 333 Cedar Street, and now I am afraid it will be necessary to have New Haven, because of the meeting of the Board of the Institute for Conn., U. S. A. been shifted from the sixth to the fifth since the sixth turns out to be a Jewish holiday and about two-thirds of our Board of sixteen happen to be of that persuasion since all of the original members had been chosen by Dr. Oppenheimer, and I gDear John, Robert Oppenheimer himself is of that persuasion even though very unorthodox. I think I wrote you that we are celebrating the I wrote you a letter from home on Sunday, 26th, are and now have yours of the 25th. The Dean approves of Monday, 1st April 18, for the Osler meeting.

I think Commend me to Abe F. if he is compos enough to remember me. I see he's nearing 90. Have you a geriatric ward in the Institute.

No ill effects from the Halsted effort. I enclose the anecdotes I appended to a few words about the Library and exhibits. Please return these two thin sheets for I seem to have mislaid the original.

Lloyd is busy with the impressive Bittar Ibn Nafis, but you oughtn't to be allowed to win the medal two years running!

Yours ever,

Bill

WUF:cd
Encl:-

copy enclosed which you may keep or put in what Sari (S) calls the WHESPER BASKET

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Historical Library

25 February 1955

My dear Bill,

With regard to the meeting of the Curators which you had suggested for 4 April, I wrote you that I would prefer some date later in the month, and now I am afraid it will be necessary to have it so because of the meeting of the Board of the Institute for Advanced has been shifted from the sixth to the fifth since the sixth turns out to be a Jewish holiday and about two-thirds of our Board of sixteen happen to be of that persuasion since all of the original members had been chosen by Mr. Bamberger, and I guess that Robert Oppenheimer himself is of Jewish extraction even though very unorthodox. I think I wrote you that we are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Institute and we are paying due homage to Abe Flexner, the original Director who left things in such a hell of a mess.

I think you will be interested in one of the essays for the Osler Prize which was sent off last night to Lloyd by our Lebanese student, Ed Bittar, who has been translating some of the original texts of Ibn Nafis from the Arabic. When you have a chance tell me about the meeting of the Halsted Club. I hope your appearance did not prove too much of an effort.

All the best.

Yours ever,

Jm

Dear Bill:

Isn't you nice to indicate
your support of The Associates! As
an Honorary Trustee, you are actually
absolved from such responsibility,
but it's always heartwarming to have
it nevertheless. I wish you could
be here for the meeting on the 22nd,
but we shall be thinking of you—
You'll soon be getting a brief account

of the Paneth MS which will be
on display that day. Everyone is
very pleased that it is really
ours -- and everyone agrees that
it was a most phenomenal bargain!

L. & K. to you, as always.

Madeline

St. Valentine's Day
minus one.

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10 January 1955

My dear Bill,

Many thanks for your cheerful letter which sounded as though you are on the 'up-and-up' despite being housed with a cold. When I wrote you last week I had intended to tell you a little more about the Carl Rollins seventy-fifth birthday party. Your ingenious message--it sounded just like you--was warmly appreciated and by now you may have heard from them. Lefty Lewis presided in his inimitable fashion and made a priceless speech about going to see Carl when he was roosting in the top of the Sterling Library, handing down decisions about type design to anyone who happened to consult him. At that time, Lefty said he was scared to death of him because he knew much too much about what Lefty was trying then to learn. Augie Hecksher also made a warm and witty speech, telling of his contacts with Carl as an undergraduate. I think I wrote you that Augie was a great friend of Dr. Cushing's when Augie was here as an undergraduate. He is now the book review editor of the Herald Tribune and is about as bright as they come. I enclose a cutting from the Yale Daily News which will give you a few further details including a note to the effect that I worked hand-in-glove with Walter Reed! These undergraduate editors.

With regard to Paquita's wedding plans, I think you will be amused by a remark which came yesterday from Howard Florey: "Things are warming up here. It looks as though Paq is to be married at the end of January. However, I act as a piece of putty in this matter and do as I am told. All I want are clear instructions." I suppose you were also just a piece of putty when Mariqn--or the brat, as you call her--decided to make the plunge.

I am most intrigued that Laignel-Lavastine attributed the "guerir quelquefois, etc." to Alexander Dumas, fils. I wonder how you acquired this information because L-L died more than a year ago on a train en route to a homeopathic congress in the South of France. For some reason I never liked the man, but perhaps I was prejudiced.

I have given your tender messages to the girls.

Yours,



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Answ'd 11.1.55 & enclosed the Colombo questionnaire, letting him have it in the eye for not finding 897 in what he calls the B. O. Cat. Added a note: Sorry you've been confluent & mentioning 2 sheets of pre-matrimonial delirium from Paq.

8 January 1955

My dear Bill,

My secret police tell me that you have been as silly as I have been, namely that you have had flu or something similar that has kept you housed for a time. About ten days ago I fell ill and thought I was going to die, and a short time later I was so low in my mind that I was afraid I wouldn't. But I am back at my desk now, sending saucy notes to my friends. I trust I may have a little gentle abuse from you shortly. And incidentally I hope you are going to enjoy the anonymous subscription to Isis.

Madeline is discovering that we have quite a large number of Osler duplicates, some of them rare, and she has at long last brow-beaten me into pricing them. I don't mind pricing ordinary duplicates, but doing it with the Osler things makes me very unhappy, and I am wondering whether there are any which you would like. You know doubt have them all, but I know you have frequent requests, and we would rather send them along to your friends than to a bookseller. If you have any specific items in mind let us know as we shall not dispose of them until the end of this month.

still to be
answered

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis
Osler Library
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

7th with John with her; thanked for winter visit, for Richard
Robinson telegram. Page's wedding. "Guernsey" etc.
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L.R.

Historical Library

4 January 1955.

Dear Bill:

Happy New Year! I had meant to write you several days ago to tell you (what you may already know) that Carl Purington Rollins will be 75 on the 7th of this month, and various Yale groups are giving a dinner in his honour at the Lawn Club on Thursday evening. I know that 75 is no great age, and possibly you write pomes only for those who have reached 80, but in any event I thought you might like to send him some message for the occasion. I know that he would be pleased, and I think I am right in believing that you share our great admiration for him. He is really almost completely blind, but with the help and devotion of his wife, Margaret, he pays very little attention to the condition and goes merrily on his way.

I hope you're not snowbound - or do I? I don't think that would be too bad a state of affairs, at least for a while. Whatever the weather, I trust you are enjoying it. All the best to you both, and thank you for your Christmas messages.

L. & K.,

Wadsworth

Red Thins for
6th & 7th telegram
and 3 for 10 Club.

4 Congratulations of our folks on your three quarters
of a century and your even better half.
With love from
" "